GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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IV FLUIDS IN PVC BAGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether intravenous (IV) fluids given in flexible PVC bags to premature or new-born babies in Neo-natal Intensive Care Units (NICU) is more life-threatening than life-saving as reported in the `Times of India` dated February 19, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): Governemnt is aware of the news item published in Times of India on 19.2.2002. Appendix 11.1 of Indian Pharmacopoeia (1996) prescribes specific requirements for plastic containers for pharmaceutical products made from plastic based on different polymers. According to Drug Controller General (India), no adverse report has been received from any medical institution.